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Re: Request for Extension of Comment Period of Converse County Oil and Gas Project EIS, DOI-BLM-WY-P060-2014-0135-EIS

Dear Mr. Robinson,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and our millions of members across the nation, and especially on behalf of our members who live, work and/or recreate in the Converse County Oil and Gas Project EIS area, we request that you extend the comment period for the draft EIS by at least sixty (60) more days.

The Proposed project is one of the largest oil and gas projects ever proposed in Wyoming. The Proposed Action (Alternative B) would include 5,000 new oil and gas wells on an additional 1,955 well and production pads and associated facilities (e.g., access roads, construction facilities, and production facilities), with an estimated disturbance of 52,667 acres. The well installation part of the project will last approximately ten years, and once operating, the wells will impact Wyomingites and our quality of life for decades to come.

The draft EIS is just under 1,000 pages with another 1,000 pages<sup>1</sup> in technical appendices. Our organizations and our members need more time to review this information and to consult with technical experts, wildlife biologists, and other reviewers to help us prepare and submit substantive comments.

This is a large project with large impacts. In order for the public to be able to meaningfully participate in the NEPA process, we ask for additional time to be able to prepare comments. Please extend the comment period by an additional sixty days.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We look forward to your response.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The draft EIS is 944 pages and the technical appendices total 1,074 pages.

## Sincerely,

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